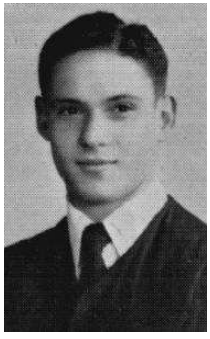
In Loving Memory

Clive Cummis, 1945

Prominent lawyer in NJ politics



Clive S. Cummis, a monumental figure in New Jersey's legal community and an influential Democratic fund-raiser who founded one of the state's largest law firms and became an Atlantic City power broker through his expertise in casino law, died February 9, 2010 at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston. He was 81.

Cummis, who lived in West Orange, died of complications from a recent fractured hip and a stroke he suffered last year, said his wife, Ann Cummis.

With his trademark bow tie, business savvy and taste for aggressive deal-making, Cummis was among the pioneers who propelled the Newark law firm of Sills Cummis & Gross to national prominence. *"There are very few people who practice law and are also good business people. Clive Cummis was one of them,"* former U.S. Sen. Robert Torricelli said.

Cummis also harnessed that business sense to become one of New Jersey's most prodigious Democratic benefactors, often hosting fundraisers at his home in the Llewellyn Park section of West Orange. He advised nearly every recent Democratic presidential contender and was particularly close to former House Democratic leader Richard Gephardt. *"His political fundraising prowess flowed from the respect he had in the business community,"* former governor Jim Florio said.

As one of New Jersey's most successful fundraisers for the Democratic Party, he was appointed by President Clinton as a member of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships from 1993 to May 2001. He was a founding member of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center and served on its executive committee. He was a director of Blue Cross & Blue Shield of New Jersey, director of The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey, a trustee of the Foundation of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, a trustee of the Flame of Charity Foundation and a trustee of the Newark Museum.

He was also a Commissioner of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority. He served on the Board of Trustees of Newark Beth Israel Hospital, the Daughters of Israel Home for the Aged and the Northfield YM-YWHA and was associate editor of the *New Jersey Law Journal* from 1961 to 1998. He was also honored by Integrity House of Newark. *"He was truly a legend in his own time,"* said Steven E. Gross, chair of Sills Cummis & Gross.

Cummis was one of the original attorneys involved in bringing gambling to Atlantic City. In the 1990s, he worked with fellow Newark native and Democratic stalwart Arthur Goldberg, who rescued Bally's from near bankruptcy and founded Park Place Entertainment, once the largest gambling company in the world. For years, Cummis was general counsel and executive vice president for the company, which later merged with Harrah's Entertainment. *"In a lot of ways, Clive Cummis and Arthur Goldberg were the architects of Atlantic City,"* Torricelli said.

Cummis was born in Newark, the son of a salesman and the older of two boys. After graduating from Weequahic High School, he attended Tulane University in New Orleans and earned a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He also earned a master's in law from New York University.

"What a special person," said Bill Gormley, a legislator for 30 years who retired in 2007. *"Brilliant. Witty. You didn't want him as an opponent - a brilliant lawyer and a brilliant mind."*

Cummis was a private in the Army in 1954 when his mother arranged a date for him with her canasta partner's niece, Ann Denburg. He took her to the ballet in Manhattan. They married in 1956 and had four daughters.

Cummis began his legal career as a clerk for a state appellate court judge. After brief stints working for firms, Cummis and another lawyer went into business for themselves. They shared a single office in Newark and paid the rent by writing legal briefs for the landlord, also a lawyer. In 1971, he became a founding partner in Sills Beck Cummis Radin & Tischman with five attorneys, ultimately growing into what is today Sills Cummis & Gross, with over 150 attorneys in Newark, Princeton and Manhattan.

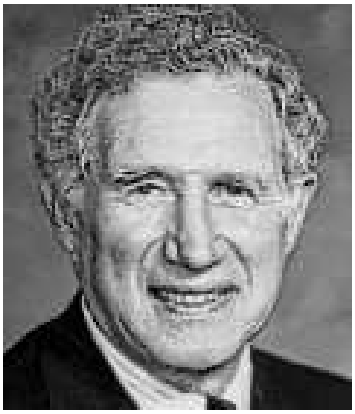
Cummis is survived by his wife, a brother, state Superior Court Judge Philip Cummis; daughters Andrea Cummis, Deborah Cummis-Sandlaufer, Cynthia Cummis and Jessica Cummis; and three grandchildren.

In Loving Memory

Nathan Weiss

WHS Jan. 1942

President Emeritus of Kean University



A native of Newark, Nathan Weiss, 90 and president emeritus of Kean University, passed away on April 9, 2013, at his home in Egg Harbor Township, N.J., with his beloved wife at his side.

Dr. Weiss served as president of Kean College of New Jersey, now Kean University, for 20 years, retiring in 1989 as senior president of the New Jersey state colleges. In 1961, he joined the Newark State College Department of History and Social Sciences and six years later became a full professor and department chair. In 1969, he became president and also continued to teach every year until 1999, 10 years after his retirement.

During his tenure, the college was transformed from a teachers college to a multipurpose institution, becoming the second largest state college at the time of his retirement. He presided over the name change from Newark State College to Kean College of New Jersey and the purchase of the Pingry School property, which has become an integral academic and performance center for the campus.

Under his leadership, Kean was awarded a New Jersey challenge grant of $3.9 million for its *"excellence and equity"* plan which brought a nationally recognized assessment program and the most advanced technology infrastructure to the campus.

He insisted that Kean could raise academic standards while remaining accessible to students who otherwise would never have set foot on an American campus. He inspired those who worked with him at Kean to foster that dream and carry it into the future. It is alive at Kean University today as a living tribute to his vision, character, and generosity of spirit.

Dr. Weiss began his career as an educator *(in his perspective, the highest of callings)* at Fallsburgh High School (NY) after serving for three years with the U.S. Army Air Force in the Pacific Theater. He received a B.A. from Montclair State College and an M.A. from Rutgers University. In 1961, he earned a Ph.D. in government from New York University. He was the recipient of honorary doctorate degrees from Kean, Montclair State, and Jersey City State, honoring his contributions to higher education and his beloved state of New Jersey.

The university also recognized his contributions in 1998 by naming its graduate division the *"Nathan Weiss Graduate College."* As an undergraduate student, Dr. Weiss was a scholar-athlete playing football and track and was later inducted into the Montclair State College Athletic Hall of Fame. Football was one of his lifelong passions and, as president of Kean, he inspired the creation of its football program and was inducted into its Athletic Hall of Fame.

Throughout his professional life, Dr. Weiss authored books and articles related to the occupation of Japan, governance, collective bargaining, and politics; he was a frequent speaker throughout New Jersey in addition to serving as a member of numerous organizations, including a term as president of the New Jersey Public Administrators Association. He has authored two books: *"At the Center of the Storm: Reflections of a State College President"* and *"The Streets of Newark to the Halls of Academia, An American Story."*

In addition to his wife of 31 years, Dr. Bernice Van Steyn-Weiss (Rydell), he is survived by a son, Dr. Michael L. Weiss; brother, Dr. Seymour Weiss; daughter, Paula W. Attryde; granddaughter, Lena Weiss; brother-in-law, Peter Van Steyn; sisters-in-law, Gloria Mohr and Dorothy Harth, and 21 nephews, nieces, and great-nephews and nieces.

Martin Edelston

WHS 1947

Founder of Boardroom, Inc.

Martin Edelston, 84, of Greenwich, CT, passed away peacefully on October 2, 2013. He was born in Newark and raised his family in Short Hills before moving to Greenwich in 1994.

Marty, who started his career as an advertising salesman, became a pioneer in the direct marketing and publishing industries when he launched his company, Boardroom Inc., and the flagship Boardroom Reports newsletter in 1972, as well as subsequent newsletters, including Bottom Line/Personal and Bottom Line/Health, and numerous books.

He was a philanthropist, a provocateur, a caring man of action who helped millions of individuals, both directly and through the invaluable advice published these past 40 years in the company's newsletters and books.

Marty is survived by his wife of 58 years, Rita, their three children, Sam Edelston, Sarah Hiner and Marjory Abrams and their spouses.

In Loving Memory

Arthur Brody

WHS 1944

Federation leader was a life-long pillar of our community

By Johanna Ginsberg, NJJN

Arthur Brody of Watchung, a force in the local and national Jewish community as a lay leader and professional, died July 28. He was 86.

A president of the MetroWest Jewish federation from 1975 to 1978, and chair of its UJA Campaign from 1972 to 1975, he led numerous fund-raising and planning committees and took a keen interest in strengthening the field of Jewish communal service.

Brody's commitment to the Jewish community was forged early: He made his first contribution to UJA in 1946 when he was 19, with a gift of $10. Jane Brody, his wife of 53 years, recalled that Leo Brody had been a president of Temple B'nai Abraham when it was still in Newark, and that her husband brought his passion for Jewish life into the marriage with him.

A successful vintner, Arthur Brody began his career in 1948 in his family's industrial catering company covering the greater New York metropolitan area. Eventually, he owned vineyards and wineries in New York and California. He was president of Gold Seal Vineyards from 1958 to 1980 and president of International Vineyards beginning in 1973.

Throughout his business career, he was involved in Jewish causes as a volunteer. A past president of the American Association of Jewish Education, he also served on the boards of national United Jewish Appeal, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Hebrew Free Loan Society, Jewish Community Foundation of MetroWest, the former YM-YWHA of Metropolitan NJ, and the former Jewish Education Association.

Upon selling his business over 30 years ago, Brody embraced Jewish philanthropy as a profession, and became executive director of planning and development at UJA-Federation of New York. From there he moved to the Jerusalem Foundation, where, as president, he had the opportunity to work closely with Teddy Kollek, Jerusalem's longtime mayor.

Arthur and Jane were most recently honored in 2009 at the 12th annual UJA Benefit Concert. He was also honored by New York University, The Hebrew University, and the former Jewish Historical Society of MetroWest. He was a 1960 recipient of the Julius and Bessie Cohen Young Leadership Award. A lover of the arts and music, he was also a past trustee of the American Symphony Orchestra.

In addition to his wife, Jane, Arthur Brody is survived by his son Richard and his wife, Lauren; daughter Kathy Harkov and her husband, Ron; his sister Marion Soled; and grandchildren Ari Harkov, Gabriel Harkov, Alex Brody, Samantha

Brody, and Matthew Brody. His brother Martin predeceased him.

Norbert Leon Weckstein

WHS Jan. 1942

Electrical engineer, toastmaster, and amateur athlete

Norbert Leon Weckstein, 89, of Roanoke, VA, died March 21, 2013. Born in Newark, NJ, he was a resident of Roanoke since 1955, he was part of the first wave of engineers and other professionals who came with their families from Schenectady, N.Y. to the Roanoke Valley, to staff the General Electric Company's new plant in Salem. He and his wife Gloria, like many of their GE contemporaries, quickly became involved in the civic and social life of their new community.

Norb went to work as an electrical engineer with General Electric upon his graduation from the University of Cincinnati in 1950, remaining with GE as an engineer and engineer manger until he retired, at age 71, in 1995.

As a combat infantryman with the 106th Infantry Division in the European Theater of Operations during World War II, he received the Bronze Star for meritorious service in Northern France and Germany. At a VJ Day party, he met Gloria Buechler, to whom he was married on June 18, 1946.

Norb was well-known in his retirement years as the author of perceptive, well written and thoroughly researched letters to the editor and editorial commentaries, and as a participant in The Roanoke Times editorial roundtable. A superb speaker, with a quick sense of humor and a ready store of anecdotes and jokes, he served as toastmaster for many retirement and award functions.

In 1974, he received his Masters in Business Administration from Virginia Tech. He graduated first in his class.

Norb was a high school athlete, playing varsity baseball and participating in track and field events. After he was 40, he resumed his athletic endeavors, competing in Masters Track and Field events throughout the region. He was a decathlete, winning gold and silver medals in numerous competitions through his 60s.

He continued to compete, and win medals, in field events throughout his 70s and early 80s. He was an avid and skillful tennis player, and also enjoyed golf. He was a longtime student of natural medicine and alternative healing, reading voraciously, attending classes and seminars, subscribing to newsletters, and perusing web sites.

He is survived by his wife Gloria of nearly 67 years; three children, Clifford, Daniel and Barbara Kaplowitz (Brett); and seven grandchildren, sisters-in-law, and many nieces and nephews.

In Loving Memory

Dr. Robert Lowenstein,

renowned Weequahic and Newark educator, passes away at 105

Dr. Robert Lowenstein, 105, of West Orange, died peacefully at home on Jan. 7, 2013. A memorial service will be held in the spring. He lived most of his life in Newark where he was born on July 13, 1907, before moving to West Orange in 1973. He was predeceased by the love of his life and wife of 64 years, Zelda Lewis Lowenstein, in 2005.

Dr. Lowenstein was a courageous and stalwart progressive whose intellect, warmth, and profound integrity made him an inspiration to his family and generations of students, colleagues, and friends. He was a scholar, teacher, and published poet who helped found the Newark Teachers Union in the 1930s.

In 2008, he was among the first group of inductees into the Weequahic High School Hall of Fame, where he was honored for his exemplary teaching and chairmanship of the foreign languages department over a long career.

He graduated from Newark's South Side High School and received a bachelor's degree in classical languages from Rutgers University in 1928, a master's degree in English from the University of Pennsylvania, and a Ph.D. in French from the Johns Hopkins University with a thesis on Voltaire. He taught at a boys' high school in France for a year, forming life-long friendships with some of his students.

After earning his doctorate, he began his teaching career in Trenton, N.J. before coming to Newark, where he taught romance languages at Weequahic, South Side, and Barringer High Schools. Dr. Lowenstein was a decorated World War II veteran honored for his service as a Master Sergeant in the Army Air Corps in North Africa, Italy, and Yugoslavia.

In 1955, Dr. Lowenstein was one of three Newark teachers fired during the McCarthy era, when the House Un-American Activities Committee came to Newark. He lost his job for six years, with his case going twice to the New Jersey Supreme Court before he was completely vindicated and reinstated in 1961.

Among the many students with whom he maintained decades-long friendships was Philip Roth, who used him as a model for the main character's brother Murray, an English teacher, in his novel, *I Married a Communist*. Like Murray, he was a wise,

principled, but down-to-earth teacher who cared deeply about his family and the world in which he lived.

After reaching the mandatory retirement age of 70 in 1977, he turned to writing poetry and had more than 100 of his poems published in small magazines such as California Quarterly, International Poetry Review, and Parnassus Literary Journal.

Dr. Lowenstein is survived by his children, Amy Lowenstein and her husband, Daniel Schwarzkopf, of Yardley, Pa.; Martha Lowenstein Rennie and her husband, Eric, of Cromwell, Conn.; and James Lowenstein and his wife, Hadassah, of Fair Lawn, N.J.; four beloved grandsons, Matthew and Aaron Rennie, and Ben and Luis Lowenstein, and great-grand daughter, Alexandra Lee Rennie; his sister-in-law, Florence L. Fayer, of St. Petersburg, Fla.; and numerous cherished nieces and nephews.

In Loving Memory

Jack Kirsten, 1949

Attorney & Judge

Honorable Jack B. Kirsten, a retired Superior Court judge of Essex County, died on Nov. 7, 2012. He was 81. Judge Kirsten was born in Newark, N.J., on Oct. 20, 1931, and graduated from Weequahic High School in the Class of 1949.

Judge Kirsten was recognized as one of New Jersey's leading attorneys in public utility law. He was appointed public utility rate counsel by the New Jersey attorney general from 1970 to 1974 and had served as special counsel to the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission.

He received his B.S. degree from New York University in 1953 and his LL.B. from Harvard Law School in 1956. Judge Kirsten had been a co-adjunct professor at Rutgers University Graduate School of Business and had lectured extensively in rate making and public utility regulation at programs of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.

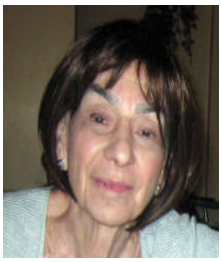
Judge Kirsten was a partner in the law firm Kirsten Friedman and Cherin for 20 years. He became of counsel to Jersey Central Power and Light and during that time he was one of the lead attorneys for the Three Mile Island accident. He also represented New Jersey Bell and Public Service Electric and Gas. He was a member of the Essex County, NJ State, Federal Energy, American and Federal bar associations, the American Judicature Society, and American Arbitration Association's National Panel of Arbitrators.

Judge Kirsten was also chairman of the section on Administration Law of the New Jersey Bar Association from 1967 to 1969 and a member of the Essex County Bar Association Judiciary Committee from 1970 to 1973. He was appointed by the New Jersey Supreme Court to the Essex County Ethics Committee from 1974 to 1977. In 1992 Governor Florio appointed Judge Kirsten to the Superior Court of Essex County. He sat on the bench from 1992 to 2001, handling many complex cases.

Judge Kirsten is survived by his wife, Marcia (Yecies) Kirsten; two daughters, Amy and Maurice Cohen and Abbe and Cory Schiffman; six grandchildren, Lindsay and Gregory Perelman, Buzzy and Elisha Cohen, Esther Schiffman, Sam Schiffman, and one great-grandchild, Benjamin Perelman.

Francine Jonas Klein, 1955

Senior Housing Director



Francine Klein, who served as executive director of the MetroWest Jewish Community Housing Corporation from its inception in 1980 until her retirement in 2004, died of cancer Sept. 12 at the Ridgefield Crossings senior living facility in Ridgefield, Conn. She was 75.

As the head of JCHC, she supervised over 600 housing units for senior citizens living in Essex and Morris counties. Her tenure coincided with a period of wide expansion for the agency, a partner agency of the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ.

"Fran was there from the very beginning and played a key role in seeing all five of the JCHC's independent living and assisted living apartment buildings completed," said Harold Colton-Max, who succeeded Klein and is currently the JCHC's chief executive officer.

Over these past 30 years, more than 10,000 senior residents have had a roof over their heads and a better quality of life due to her dedicated efforts at the JCHC. These are major accomplishments on the path to tikun olam. *"Hopefully, her legacy will bring some level of comfort to her family during this difficult time,"* Colton-Max added.

Klein was born in Newark. After graduating from Weequahic High School, she began a career in personnel at the now-defunct Good Deal supermarket chain. After becoming the first director of the JCHC, she encouraged Jewish residents of the public Seth Boyden Housing Project in Newark to relocate to the JCHC houses in West Orange and Irvington.

"They provided food, housekeeping services, and everything needed to help people - particularly Jewish people - grow old gracefully," said her brother, Daniel Jonas of West Orange.

In addition to Jonas, Klein is survived by her husband, Joseph Klein of Ridgefield, her daughters, Lisa Petno and Marcy Thilow, and seven grandchildren.

Edward Brenner, 1944

Owned desk company in Newark

Edward F. Brenner, 86, of Short Hills, NJ and Boca Raton, Fla., passed away on December 27. Born in Newark, he was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, successful businessman, and generous benefactor to charitable organizations.

As a student at Weequahic High School, he was the editor-in-chief of The Calumet, the school newspaper, and a school sports reporter for the Newark Evening News. He graduated from Cornell University in 1948 with a degree in electrical engineering

His father, Joseph, then asked him to spend six months working at the family business, Brenner Desk, because two employees left. The six months lasted 37 years until 1983 when he sold the business. Under the leadership of Ed and his brother Robert, Brenner Desk became one of the largest contract office furniture businesses in the state.

Predeceased by his first wife, Judith Horowitz, he is survived by his wife of 30 years, Dr. Lee Brenner; brother, Robert; children, Jeffrey Brenner, Julies Brenner, Howard O'Desky, Dr. Gary Brenner, Dr. Ilyse O'Desky, and Dr. Grant Brenner; and eight grandchildren.

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Mort Lindsey, Jan. 1940 WHS Grad, TV Bandleader and Accompanist to Stars, Dies at 89

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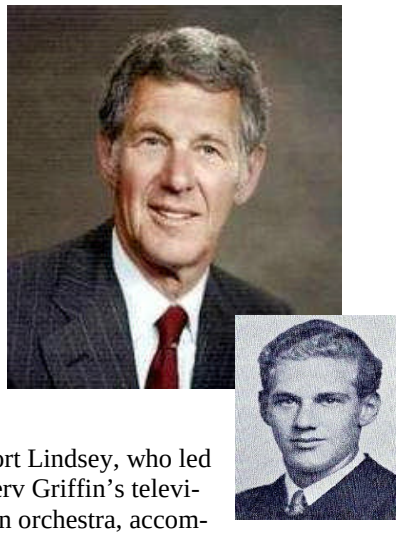


Mort Lindsey, who led Merv Griffin's television orchestra, accompanied Barbra Streisand on the piano in Central Park and played with Judy Garland in her celebrated comeback concert at Carnegie Hall, died on May 4 at his home in Malibu, Calif. He was 89.

Mr. Lindsey was musical director for *"The Merv Griffin Show"* from 1962 to 1986, during a six-decade career in which he brought his big-band finesse to jazz, swing, pop, country and rock in performances and recordings with a diverse array of artists. Among them were Pat Boone, Eddie Fisher, Liza Minnelli, Elton John, Rod Stewart, Willie Nelson, Chris Botti and Michael Bublé.

Mr. Lindsey won an Emmy in 1969 for his musical direction of Ms. Streisand's CBS concert special, *"A Happening in Central Park."* The show led to an album of the same name.

For Mr. Lindsey, however, his performance of a lifetime occurred on April 23, 1961, when Ms. Garland - at 38 and trying to resuscitate her career after bouts with alcohol and pill addictions - performed before a full house at Carnegie Hall.

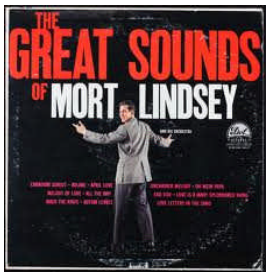
The double album from that performance, *"Judy at Carnegie Hall,"* with Mr. Lindsey leading the orchestra, was No. 1 on the Billboard chart for 13 weeks that year and won four Grammy Awards.

Ms. Streisand said in a statement that she had dreamed of working with Mr. Lindsey. *"I first saw him when I was a teenager and got to attend a free Judy Garland concert,"* she said. *"Mort was onstage conducting for Judy, and I could sense how safe she felt with his judgments and encouragements."*

In January 1971, when Mr. Griffin devoted two nights of his show to bandleaders like Les Brown, Lawrence Welk and Vaughn Monroe, it was Mr. Lindsey who reprised their harmonies.

"The hero of Griffin's two-part program," Jack Gould wrote in The New York Times, *"was his own regular orchestra conductor, Mort Lindsey, the pianist, who with amazing accuracy and musicianship led his band through all the different styles and arrangements associated with the guests of honor. To shift effortlessly from the Champagne horn of Lawrence Welk to the Dixieland beat of Bob Crosby left no doubt of Mr. Lindsey's versatility."*

Born Morton Lippman in Newark on March 21, 1923 (he changed his name early in his career), Mr. Lindsey was one of two children of immigrants from Russia. Classically trained as a pianist as a child, he earned a bachelor's degree and a doctorate in music education from Columbia.



In 1955 he married Betty Bonney, who in 1941, performing with Les Brown's Band of Renown, recorded the hit song *"Joltin' Joe DiMaggio."*

Besides his wife (who changed her name to Judy) and his son Steve, a record producer, Mr. Lindsey's survivors include two other sons, Trevor and David; three daughters, Bonney Dunn, Deborah Morris and Judy Grant; and a sister, Janet.

Arthur Brody, Class of Jan. 1939 Businessman, Entrepreneur, and Philanthropist

If you've ever borrowed a library book and accidentally knocked a cup of coffee onto the cover, you may have Arthur Brody to thank for not having to replace it. As an electrical engineering student at Columbia University, Arthur figured out a way to turn clear photographic film into a protective cover that was so superior to the brown paper versions his classmates used.

Arthur Brody passed away at age 91 on May 10, 2012, following a brief illness.

Arthur's commitment to serving the library community began inside a small lending library on Bergen Street in Newark, called the Bro Delle Book Shoppe, owned by his parents, Samuel and Ruth.

By the time he graduated from Columbia, he had eight employees turning out his invention. The simple clear plastic jacket remains in great demand and is used by libraries worldwide and this accomplishment is still evident in libraries today.

Granted a patent for his book jackets and using a small personal savings, he started the Library Service business. Following his participation in World War II, he changed the name of his company to Brodart in 1946. The name was chosen through an employee contest where the winner suggested using Art's first and last names turned inside out.

Through the years he positioned Brodart as the company to supply all things required to run a library from filing systems to furniture. His instinct for business is illustrated through the many

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firsts highlighting a career populated by the perfect blend of inventiveness, good timing, and calculated risks. By the 1970s, Brodart had more than 1,500 employees.

Arthur lent his creative mind to many ideas and had a hand in recognizable industry names of today. He was involved in experimenting with a formula for a new adhesive to replace library paste, which later became *"Elmer's"* glue.

His idea for *"Magic Mending"* tape would be picked up by Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing better known as 3M.

Some of the many patents credited to him throughout his lifetime include the book jacket and book pockets, plus the machinery to produce them, tabs for ring binders and systems for recording library transactions are among the products he developed for library use.

Although he was involved in varied business ventures, serving the total needs of libraries was his main focus. He made it possible for libraries to begin with an empty building and become a fully furnished library, supplying shelving, catalog card files, seating, tables, and computer workstations, book carts, spinner racks for all types of material, database management software, and scanners.

In 1982, Arthur relocated to Ranch Sante Fe, near San Diego, California and officially retired in 2004 after 65 years in an industry he remained passionate about and very much enjoyed.

Arthur's accomplishments in the business world are only part of his amazing legacy. He was listed in Who's Who for more than two decades. Serving on a number of civic and not for profit boards, he contributed time and money to many local and national charities.

Arthur was president of Friends of New Jersey libraries, an executive board member and council member at large for the Robert Treat Council of Boy Scouts of America, a Mason and a Shriner, and a past president and trustee of Newark Symphony Hall. He also served on the boards of the Rady School of Management, the San Diego Symphony, Seacrest Retirement Village and the Sanford Burnham Cancer Institute.

His greatest achievement will be his philanthropic legacy created through serving as the President of the Sophie and Arthur Brody Foundation. His success in business afforded him the opportunity to give back to the communities he loved both far and wide by donating generously to a host of causes important to him and his family.

Arthur was predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Sophie. He is survived by his companion of the last seven years, Phyllis Cohn, his daughter, Janice Brody (Bruce Rule), his son Donald Brody (Toby Mickelson), and his five grandsons.

Esther Epstein Schwartz
Class of Jan. 1951

Former Councilwoman in Irvington

Former South Ward Councilwoman Esther D. Schwartz, 79, of Irvington, passed away on July 29, 2012. Born in Newark, she resided in Irvington for 46 years. Her education from Rutgers University included an associate's degree in accounting and business administration.

Esther attended the Jewish Theological Seminary and taught primary grades at Congregation Oheb Sholom in South Orange. During her lifetime, she devoted herself to the community, the state of New Jersey, and to many organizations for the benefit of children, the hungry, the disabled, and the needy.

She was the founder of the American Hope Association for the homeless in the late 80's, and was instrumental in getting food subsidies through Mt. Carmel Guild in Newark. Esther was responsible for Head Start in Irvington for middle income and needy families, and served as the President of the Webster Women's Club for several years, bringing Neighborhood Watch to the area.

Through her efforts, she was able to spearhead the drive to raise the drinking age from 18 to 21 under the Governor Brendan Byrne administration. Her political career began in 1976 when she was elected to the Irvington Municipal Council as South Ward councilwoman, and was re-elected again in 1980 and 1984, serving 12 years. In 1985, Esther was appointed as the director of the Essex County Division of Consumer Affairs. Predeceased by her husband, John, she is survived by her brother Sanford Epstein; a daughter, Bonnie Sacks; and sons, Michael and Perry Schwartz. Her grandchildren include Justine, Robyn, and Jenna Sacks, as well as Jonathan, Jordan, Jared and Joshua Schwartz.

Gary Barr, 1952

Weequahic Teacher & Swim Coach

Gary Barr, 77, of Clark, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, died Oct. 14, 2011, at Morristown Medical Center.

Gary was born in Newark to Herman and Florence Barr. He served in the Army during the Korean War, was a lifeguard at Bradley Beach, a teacher and swim coach at Weequahic High School, and a stockbroker with Wachovia Securities before retiring.

He is survived by Susan Bohrer Barr, WHS 1960, his loving wife of 44 years, along with his son, Jon-Henry, and daughter-in-law, Lauren; daughter, Nicole and son-in-law, Larry Becker; his adored grandchildren, Ainsley Barr, Leah Barr, Zoe Becker, Sydney Becker, Gavin Becker; and brother, Alvin Barr, WHS 1956.

His wife Sue writes:

Many heartfelt thanks to the Indians who wrote and sent cards and tributes in memory of Gary. He was a brave soul who fought a valiant battle never once complaining about his own pain. Instead, he cheered the pancreatic cancer patients on in the weekly chemotherapy sessions and support groups.

He loved his Weequahic comrades and took great pleasure telling everyone of his memories. He printed every newsletter and would read them several times during the week, pausing to tell stories to anyone who would listen.

The battle to cure this disease that claims 100 percent of its victims is finally being fought with funding from Pancan.org and Dr. Robert Fine at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. His family and friends have joined to pledge support for these groups that use every dollar for research.

.Lucius Williams, 1964

Pastor of Belleville Church

Lucius Williams, Jr. passed away on August 22, 2011. He grew up attending Zion Baptist Church in Newark, under the pastoral care of the late Rev. M.Q. Buckman. At the age of eight, Lucius accepted Christ and was baptized.

Lucius attended the Newark public schools and graduated from Weequahic High School where he excelled in basketball and track. Some of his college years were spent at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina. He later graduated from Essex County College in Newark with an Associates Degree in Business Administration. Lucius enrolled in the Eastern Bible Institute and received his Bachelor's Degree in Theology from United Bible College in Orlando, Florida.

On March 25, 1972, Lucius Williams and Patricia Gabriel were married.
They are the parents of one daughter, Desiree Patricia.

He held positions at Curtis Wright Aeronautical Manufacturing and as an insurance salesman for Progressive Insurance Company. He was the first Black Senior Assistant Assessor in the Tax Office for the City of Newark. In June of 1976, he established Crossroads of Life Inc. Christian Bookstore with his wife Patricia at his side.

Lucius was ordained to the Gospel by the late Pastor Russell Coleman in May of 1979, was called to Second Baptist Church in Belleville as interim Pastor in June, and was confirmed as Pastor in December of that year. Under his pastoral watch, thirteen Ministers of the Gospel were licensed. Several Ministries were started at the Church as follows: Christian Education, Prison Ministry, Eliza B. Goldston Scholarship, Valley CDC, Sisters Sharing, Praise Team and Dance.

Pastor Williams was affiliated with the Ministers Conferences and Alliances, Shiloh Baptist Association, General Baptist Convention of New Jersey, National Baptist Convention Inc. and United Chaplain International Worldwide Outreach, Inc. He was a member of The Hillside Chamber of Commerce and also was on several boards, including Greater Life, Inc. of Newark,

Lucius was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, James and the Rev. Ronald Williams. Surviving are his beloved wife and business partner, Patricia; daughter, Desiree and granddaughter, Denaje, all of Hillside; one sister, Dr. Evelyn McClendon (Dr. Clifford McClendon) of South Carolina; a sister-in-law; Bettie Miller of Orange (Alonzo Miller).

June Robins Kent, 1943

After 65 years of marriage to the absolute love of her life, Albert Allen Kent, June died on June 29, 2011 - just a day after her 86th birthday. Her unwavering devoutness and love to her husband, children and grandchildren were the heart and soul of her precious life.

Words provide mere glimpses of such an extraordinary being. Her journey was embraced with that infectious smile, an indelible refinement, an intense faith in unconditional love, and a passion for life that just made her beauty glow that much brighter from inside and out.

June was born in Newark on June 28,1925. She was the daughter of Julius C. Robins and Ruth Robins. Her years in Newark were filled with the wonder of learning at Peshine Avenue School and of course, the *"great and only"* Weequahic High School. Here she soared to the top of her class with honors and strutted with zeal as a majorette.

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In Loving Memory

Delano Gordon

Weequahic community leader

Delano Gordon, devoted husband, father, son, brother, friend, leader, youth advocate, community activist, mentor and entrepreneur, died Oct. 26, 2011.

Born March 24, 1966, in Charleston, S.C., he attended Weequahic High School and Malcolm X Shabazz, graduating in 1984. He wore black and gold, but he bled orange and brown.

Delano then graduated from Alphatrain Technology and began a career as a certified systems engineer and consulted for several technology firms. He also worked for the Census Bureau, consulted for Newark's Youth One Stop and CWEP programs, was a parent school liaison, a classroom aide, and a certified basketball official. He chaired the South Ward Community Collaborative - developed to prevent abuse and neglect of children.

Delano created the successful *Above the Rim* organization, which organized basketball tournaments; summer basketball and enrichment camps; and mentoring and job training programs.

In Delano's 20 years of developing services for youth, he used enthusiasm, compassion, patience and tough love to show the youth of Newark a better way of life. He had a love for people, no matter what their plight in life. He truly put hard work and dedication into everything he believed in and never allowed the word "no" to discourage him. He will always be our HERO!

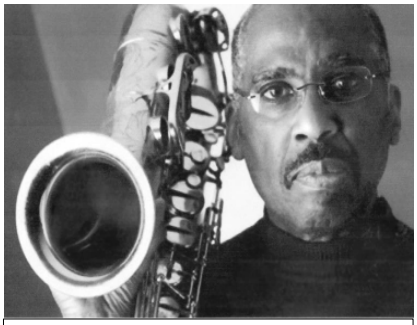
Delano was the devoted husband of Rochelle Howard, and father of four children, Susan Brown, 25, Jonathan Howard, 22, Alisha Anne Gordon, 12, and Delano Gordon Jr., 5. He leaves behind his mother, Shirley Alston Gordon; his father, Johnny Williams; mother-in-law, Leanne Howard; eight brothers, eight sisters, and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

William Michael Phipps

WHS Department Chair, Prominent Jazz Musician

Bill passed away on December 3, 2011. A native of Newark, his lifelong passion for music, jazz in particular, started at an early age when he began playing the clarinet and then the saxophone. As a preteen, Bill studied music with his uncle, a marching band director. He performed with the marching band at Ruppert Stadium during Negro Baseball League games. Bill began his formal jazz training with his twin brother, Nathaniel's (Nat) Big Band.

After serving in the Army during the Korean War, Bill resumed his formal education, earning a degree in Music Education from New York University



"When I'm on the bandstand and that downbeat comes, there's nothing wrong in this world."

and an MA degree and teaching certification from Jersey City State College.

An educator for many years, Bill's accomplishments included teaching junior high school in New York City and a Jazz Artist in Residence at Essex County College, where he established its jazz orchestra. Later, he served as Chairman of Fine Arts, Music, and Foreign Languages at Weequahic High School, from which he retired.

A renowned jazz musician, Bill performed with numerous luminaries including George Coleman, Wayne Shorter, Dizzy Gillespie, Jack McDuff, Irene Reid, Ray Charles, and James Moody. He played at internationally recognized jazz venues, such as the Newport Jazz Festival, as well as smaller jazz clubs throughout the metropolitan area. He performed with various jazz groups throughout his career, more recently as a member of the Newark Jazz Elders. Bill also performed on several recordings.

Music was not Bill's only interest. He had a continuing desire to learn new things from history to zoology. He also enjoyed traveling on vacations with Barbara, his wife of thirty-eight years.

Bill was the father of Loren Phipps-Cadwell and husband Thurber; Victoria Dillard; Rodney Smith and wife Deborah; Kyle Bradby; Vincent Wright and wife Tina; the late William Phipps, Jr.; and Kurt Bradby. Also, the brother of James Caines; Nathaniel Phipps and wife Bertha; George Phipps and wife Vivian; Mary Baker and the late Willie Caines; and Margaret Harris; and father-in-law of Misty Morse. He is also survived by many grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

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Of course it was during these years that she met the love of her life, Albert Kantrowitz (later changed to Kent) at a Temple party. He was playing the piano and she was intrigued and smitten! They courted during the *"greatest generation"* - dinner dates, parties, concerts and on every single date she was given a gardenia...that's love.

She went on to study art and design at Pratt Institute of Art in New York and after raising three children, she completed her college degree at Montclair State College.

June spent the next thirty years dedicating her life to teaching home economics at Maplewood Middle School and Columbia High School. Teaching was her dedication and designing was her creative passion.

June was also a member of the Rum Papier Nephrosis Foundation and became its President. It was here that she spearheaded bringing the first Renal Dialysis Machine to St. Barnabas Hospital.

Beautiful *"Juney"* is survived by the other part of her heart, her husband Albert. She is also survived by her three children, Jeffrey Kent, Cathy Kent Fein (Dr. Kenneth Fein), and Andrew Kent (Daynah Kent); and three grandchildren, Jennifer, Danielle, and David Fein.

To all of June's dear friends: Betty and Libby and Ruthie and Dolly; nephews Mark and Dana; nieces Adrienne and Adele; and all those who have touched her heart and soul - she loved you all and we will miss her forever.

In Loving Memory of our teachers

Louis Dultz, 1949, WHS & Science Teacher

Louis Dultz, 80, of Springfield and Boynton Beach, Fla, died on May 18, 2011. Born in Newark, he was a resident of Springfield for over 40 years. He was a 1949 graduate of Weequahic High School and a member of the Alumni Association.

Lou began his career as an educator in the Newark school system at Weequahic High School, where he also served as the director of the Weequahic Adult School. He continued as chairman of the science department at Barringer High school until his retirement in 1991.

He earned a B.S. degree from Rutgers College and an M.A. degree in Education from Montclair State College.

Lou was the past president of the Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael Men's Club in Springfield, the financial secretary of the Odd fellows, and a member of the Jewish War Veterans. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his wife Ann; his children, Brenda Cohen of Springfield, Steven and Jeanne Dultz of Chester, and Richard and Aksia Dultz of Berkeley Heights; and two brothers, Harvey of Edison and Norman of South Orange. Lou was a generous and involved grandfather to Jared, Adam, and Jodi Cohen; Stephanie and Eric Dultz; and Jackson and Harlie Dultz.

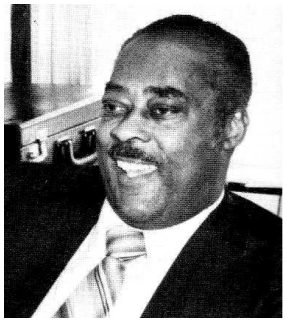
Phillip Egeth, WHS Math Teacher

Phillip A. Egeth died on June 10, 2011. He was born in Newark on Jan. 16, 1921 and attended East Orange High School and Montclair State Teachers College.

He taught math at Vernon L. Davy High School in East Orange until he was drafted and entered the Army Air Corps. Phil joined a B-17 flight crew at Pueblo, Colo., that included Clark Gable and then was sent to the Corps of Engineers at Berkeley, Calif., as part of the atomic bomb project.

Phil earned his M.A. degree in mathematics in 1948 from Montclair State. He taught at Weequahic and was adjunct faculty at Newark State Teachers College, Kean College, Princeton summer secondary math program, and the Morristown division of the Rutgers math program. Phil was certified for principal and math department chair in Newark. He also took part in the National Science Fellowship Award at Stanford University.

Phillip grew up and stayed very close to his brother, George, whom he joined forces with in automatic laundry ventures. He retired in 1977 from Newark and the New Jersey Education Association and relocated to Florida. He is survived by his niece, Susan Egeth Heineman of Fort Lee; nephew, Allen Egeth of Pine Brook; and great-nieces and nephews, Geodi, Kelly, Darin, and Douglas.



Frederick Ransom, WHS Music Teacher

Frederick FJ Ransom, 84, of Fort Smith, Ark., passed away Feb. 21, 2011. Fred's college studies included Xavier University, University of Arkansas, Philander Smith College, and Seton Hall University. His passions were his students, classical music, languages and cultural exchange. Fred started his teaching career in Little Rock, Ark., at Dunbar High School and Horace Mann. During those years, he proudly performed as a guest soloist with the Fort Smith Symphony Orchestra. In 1958, he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to continue his vocal studies in Germany, and also lived and taught in France.

Returning to America, Fred started a long career in the Newark public school system, as a teacher and administrator in music and foreign languages. He taught at Weequahic High School in the 60's and 70's. As a vocalist, he performed with many symphony orchestras, including in the New York and New Jersey areas. Retiring back to Fort Smith, he traveled many times to Morocco, where he enjoyed working with students and assisting them with their entrance exams to various colleges in the U.S.

Fred is survived by a loving godson, Stephen Wyatt of California, and a huge extended family all over the United States, including nieces, nephews and cousins, from the Quinn, Caldwell, Miller, Davis, Jones, and Reynolds families.

In Loving Memory

Jack Wolf, June 1952

Did the Math Behind Computers

By Douglas Martin, NY Times

Jack Keil Wolf, an engineer and computer theorist whose mathematical reasoning about how best to transmit and store information helped shape the digital innards of computers and other devices that power modern society, died on May 12 at his home in the La Jolla section of San Diego. He was 76.

Dr. Wolf was lionized by information theorists and won many awards recognizing his contributions to the communications networks that now lace the earth. Devices like cellphones would not exist had not thinkers like Dr. Wolf come up with their mathematical underpinnings.

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers called Dr. Wolf *"one of the most productive cross-fertilizers in engineering research, successfully importing techniques used in one field to obtain unexpected results in another."*

Dr. Andrew Viterbi, creator of the pervasive Viterbi algorithm, said a method Dr. Wolf developed for compressing separate streams of data into a single message had uses in flash memory devices.

Dr. Wolf later made advances in data storage, removing errors and clarifying fuzzy information retrieved from magnetic disks so that more data could be stored in less space. *"This is at the heart of the information revolution,"* said Lawrence Larson, a colleague of Dr. Wolf's at the University of California.

Dr. Wolf was born in Newark on March 14, 1935 and graduated from Weequahc High School in 1952. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and two master's degrees and a Ph.D. from Princeton. He served in the Air Force and taught at New York University, the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst before moving to San Diego.

His most important early work was devising a theorem with David Slepian in 1973 proving that two separate streams of correlated data can be sent independently and simultaneously and then combined and simplified at journey's end. An example would be neighboring temperature sensors independently sending data to a weather center.

Decades later, building on the work of other theorists and engineers, the technique propelled the development of computer networks. *"It sometimes takes decades for the implementation of a technology to catch up with the concept,"* Dr. Viterbi said.

Dr. Wolf was recruited by the University of California, San Diego for its new Center for Magnetic Recording Research in the mid-1980s. The center's research helped increase the speed and capacity of magnetic hard drives while lowering their cost. Dr. Wolf was elected to the national academies of both engineering and science.

Dr. Wolf is survived by his wife, the former Toby Katz (Jan. 1952 WHS grad); daughters, Sarah and Jill; sons, Joseph and Jay; and five grandchildren.

Evelyn Jacobs Ortner

June 1945

Advocate for Battered Women

Evelyn Jacobs Ortner of Short Hills, a leader in the fight against domestic violence, had *"a great passion for whatever she was doing, especially when she was helping other people,"* her husband, Robert Ortner recalled. *"She had great sympathy for the very underdog, the weaklings who are taken advantage of. That used to upset her enormously."*

Evelyn, who died of leukemia at age 83, started helping others when she was 9. Growing up in Newark, she founded a group called the Charity Girls that performed musical theater at orphanages, critical care facilities, and homes for the elderly.

After working as a speechwriter and special adviser at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C., in the 1980s, Evelyn and her husband returned to New Jersey and in 1990 she founded Unity Group, which ran a home for battered women in suburban Essex County.

Unity disbanded in 2003 after Ortner became ill and she turned over its assets to the University of Pennsylvania for the founding of the Evelyn Jacobs Ortner Center on Family Violence, which offers courses and performs research.

Evelyn met her husband when both were 15-year-old students at Weequahic High School in Newark. They moved to Short Hills in 1963 and were married for 63 years.

Evelyn also had a strong interest in literature and earned a Master of Arts from Drew University. Her thesis, a biography of the American poet Witter Bynner, was an extension of a decades-long correspondence with him. These writings are now housed at the University of New Mexico, near the late Bynner's home.

In addition to her husband, Ortner is survived by her children, Peter and Nicole, and a brother, Edward Jacobs.

Editor's Note: An article about Evelyn and her work previously appeared in the Alumni Calumet.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Eleanor J. Lutzke Lewis

June 1959, Advocate for Social Justice

Eleanor J. Lewis died in her Princeton home Friday after battling ovarian cancer for almost a decade. She was 68.

Born in Newark on December 9, 1941 to Maurice Lutzke, a grade school principal, and Hilda G Lutzke, a high school English teacher, Eleanor graduated from Weequahic High School in 1959.

She spent 2 years at Cornell University studying industrial and labor relations, and then transferred to Sara Lawrence College, where she received her Bachelors of Arts degree. She earned a master's degree in human development from Harvard University, and received her doctorate in psychology and education from the University of Michigan. She earned her law degree from Seton Hall Law School.

Her mother was one of the founders of the American Federation of Teachers Union in Newark, and Eleanor was raised by her parents to be conscious of social injustice, an influence that would shape her for the rest of her life. In fourth grade, she was already very conscious of civil rights issues, and when her teacher tried to force her to do something she did not want to do, she informed the teacher that her civil rights were being violated.

As a graduate student at the University of Michigan, Eleanor became very involved in the women's movement and worked with an organization to improve the status of women there. She soon became a part-time consultant to the federal government for affirmative action on college campuses. After receiving her doctorate, she moved to Washington, DC, to continue working for the government.

Shortly thereafter, she visited Ralph Nader's office and asked to work with him. They determined it would be best for her to become head of a state PIRG (Public Interest Research Group). She was hired as the first executive director for NJPIRG in 1972. During its initial year, students working with NJPIRG operated a consumer complaint center at Rutgers, did clean water testing of NJ streams under the new federal Clean Water Act, and took courses in public interest topics.

While working at NJPIRG, she investigated NJ's no fault auto insurance system and the composition of the New Jersey Blue Cross board of trustees. Insurance Commissioner Richland McDonough responded to Eleanor's Blue Cross investigation by changing the Blue Cross board composition to include more women and minorities.

In 1973, Eleanor was hired by Brendan Bryne's gubernatorial campaign. After Bryne won, she worked on the transition team. She was then hired by Insurance Commissioner James J. Sheeran to serve as the Assistant Commissioner of Insurance for Consumer Services, where she supervised investigations of consumer complaints and hearings. The Department levied more fines in 4 years under Commission Sheeran than it had in the previous 50 years combined. Insurance company claim files were examined for fair consumer treatment, and consumer education materials were prepared and distributed.

Eleanor left the insurance department in 1978 after graduating from law school, and practiced law on her own in Princeton and then with Yvette Weiss. In 1991 she moved to Washington, DC, and resumed working with Ralph Nader as director of the government purchasing project, which promoted the purchase of environmentally safe products and services such as recycled paper, energy efficient light bulbs, and natural cleaners. She also served as director of the American Association of Legal Publishers, fighting West Publishing's copyright of legal citations.

In 2000, she returned to New Jersey and resumed practicing law focusing on consumer fraud. She stopped practicing law in 2005 after her illness reoccurred, but continued her lifelong work supporting individual rights and consumer advocacy through various volunteer efforts. She also spent her final years enjoying time with family and friends, reading her beloved New York Times every day, following various intellectual pursuits and taking stand-up comedy classes, which she looked forward to every week.

She is survived by her 97-year-old mother Hilda G. Lutzke of Verona, her brother Arthur and sister-in-law Nancy Lutzke of Amagansett, NY, and nieces Jessica Lutzke and Melissa Turowsky, both of New York City. She is also survived by many first cousins and their children and grandchildren, and by countless good friends who added significant meaning to her life.

Eleanor set a priority on enjoying vacations, activities and conversations with the friends she maintained from each decade of her life. With her commitment to social justice, those relationships with family and friends formed the core of her life. She is missed and will continue to be missed by all the people who loved her and benefited from her activities.

In Loving Memory

Herb *'Butch'* Zukerberg, 1945

Band Leader and Sculptor

Herb Zukerberg, known professionally as Herb Zane, passed away on October 1, 2009. He was known as the *'Bar Mitzvah King'* of New Jersey.

The Herb Zane Orchestra specialized in musical entertainment for both private and public parties and various gala events. In particular Bar/Bas Mitzvahs or Jewish coming of age parties for young Jewish men and women were his niche. Although he and his band performed at many weddings, Herb was able to transform the traditional Bar Mitzvah from a circumspect solemn occasion into one of festivity and some would say extravagance.

Originally a native of Newark, Herb graduated from Weequable High School and attended Rider College. Afterwards, Herb played drums in the US Army Band. Following the Army, he joined his brother Alan Zane. It was with the Alan Zane Orchestra that Herb got his start. He began the Herb Zane Orchestra in 1952.

For many years in the late 1950's and 60's, Herb was the house band at the Steak Pit Restaurant in Paramus. This venue really showcased his musical talent and in addition, provided access for Herb to work with some of the top nightclub acts of the period such as Connie Francis, Killer Joe Piro and the dance duo, the Fisher Brothers.

After a 47-year career and 11,000 parties, he retired to Monroe, NJ where Herb found a new expression in sculpture. He established a serious reputation as an artist, working primarily in alabaster and has his sculpted pieces in museums and private collections throughout the country. Most recently immediately prior to his death, Herb was in the process of what he described as a *'Comeback.'* He collected his former musician colleagues together (now in their 70's and 80's) and released two CDs that are a collection of standards with some Gospel music thrown into the mix.

Herb always stressed the importance of family and was adored by all. He was supremely devoted to his beloved wife of 59 years, Renea. He was considered by his two sons to be both a trusted advisor and a reliable confidant and, most importantly, a friend. Herb's particular joy was his four grandchildren, as well as his nieces, nephews and many cherished friends. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Ron Zukerberg and wife Wendy and Paul Zukerberg and wife Dr. Ilana Zukerberg; grandchildren, Rachel, Josh, Jesse and Eli, niece, Marcia Kahan Rosenthal, WHS 1952; and many nephews nieces, and cousins.

Florence Misurell, WHS Faculty

Foreign Language Teacher

Florence P Misurell, 97, of Seabrook Village, Tinton Falls, passed away on Sept. 19, 2009. Born in Kearny, she lived most of her life in Newark before moving to Florham Park for 20 years and has been a resident of Seabrook Village in Tinton Falls, for the past five years.

She received her BA and MA degrees from New York University in 1936. Florence was a language teacher for the Newark Board of Education, primarily working at Weequahic High School for 26 years, retiring in 1975. Florence was a member of the NJ Retired Teachers Association and at Seabrook Village was a member of the French Club, the Sociable Singers and Meditation Club. Florence was an avid student of Shakespeare, opera and foreign languages. She was full of life and energy and will be remembered as a kind, supporting, and intelligent, grateful, enthusiastic, devoted and extraordinary woman.

Florence will be missed dearly by all her family, friends and Seabrook Community. She was predeceased by her husband, Rocco A. Misurell, in 1984. Surviving are her daughter, Janice Misurell Mitchell (WHS 1963) and husband, Tom; a son, Robert Misurell and wife, Sherri; five grandchildren, Carmen and Gabriel Mitchell, Justin, Michael and Travis Misurell; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Alfred N. Steiner, June 1938

Lieutenant Colonel, Library Advocate

Alfred Nathan Steiner of Sedona, Ariz., formerly of Millburn and Basking Ridge, died peacefully at home. He was born in Newark, graduated from Weequahic High School and Rutgers University College of Engineering, where he was captain of the lacrosse team. Al was an avid ham radio operator and served our country proudly and with distinction as a

communications officer in the Army Air Force during World War II. In 1946, he married Jean Gordon of Elizabeth, moved to Millburn and continued to serve in the NJ Air National Guard, where he was a lieutenant colonel and commander of the 105th AC&W Squadron in Newfoundland.

After his war service, Al was associated in the building products industry. An early computer enthusiast, he was a developer of new products and a collector of classical jazz and concert music. A most voracious reader and promoter of education, he initiated the Great Book Club Series at the local public libraries. He was a strong advocate for fairness and justice. He was a generous supporter of the Millburn and Basking Ridge public libraries, The Raptor Trust of Millington, and the Astronomy Club of NJ.

In 2005, after the passing of his first wife, Jean, Al enjoyed three happy years of remarriage to Elizabeth. He is survived by his beloved wife, daughters, Joan Cocks, Deborah Steiner-van Rooyen, and Barbara Steiner: his son-in-law, Peter Cocks; grandchild, Kerie van Rooyen; brother, David S. Steiner and his sister-in-law, Sylvia; sisters, Elsie Seilkoff and Gertrude Nudel. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and his extended families in Israel, Brazil, South Africa and France.

David Grossman, June 1953

Local Physician

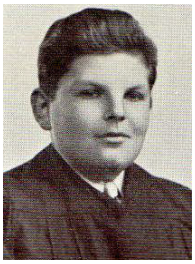
Dr. David L. Grossman, M.D., 73, died on Dec. 26, 2009. Born in Newark, he resided in Maplewood since 1970. He was a graduate of Temple University with a B.S. Degree and received his medical degree from SUNY Downstate Medical School. Dr. Grossman served his residency in internal medicine at Beth Israel Hospital in Newark. There he served as president of the medical staff and was a member of the AMA. He maintained a private practice in Maplewood for the past 39 years. During the Vietnam War, he served in the Army Medical Corps

Surviving are his wife, Jane (Harris) Grossman; sons, Robert and Bruce; his daughters Jenine Alvarado and Stacey Moscone; a sister, Audrey Schornstein (WHS 1955); and his grandchildren, Dani, Erica, Michael, Justin, Matthew, Jenna, Joshua, Sara, Alex and Angelina. He is predeceased by his wife, Marilyn (Rozansky) Grossman, several years ago.

In Loving Memory

Martin Brody, Jan. 1939

Built Restaurant Associates into industry leader



Martin Brody died at age 88 in West Orange on October 29, 2009. A longtime resident of Short Hills, he lived in Boca Raton, Florida.

He was the Chairman and CEO of Restaurant Associates (RA) from 1963-1992. Under Martin's leadership RA became one of the premier restaurant companies in the country known for their concept restaurant and high quality food service for major institutional clients.

Born in 1921 in a cold water flat in Newark, Martin started working in his father's business, *Rain or Shine*, at nine years old. *Rain or Shine* was a box lunch company that thrived during the Depression selling prepackaged lunches to factory workers throughout Essex County. He graduated from Weequahic High School and Michigan State University.

He enlisted in the army during World War II. In 1946, he returned home a Captain and joined the family business. He met Florence Brody (formerly Gropper) on a blind date and they were married 6 months later. After the family business had grown from 1 to 60 trucks, Martin engineered its sale in 1961.

Two years later, he became Chairman, President, and CEO of Restaurant Associates (RA) by merging Waldorf Systems with RA. The company created and owned such renowned NYC restaurants as *The Four Seasons, The Forum, Mama Leones, Tavern on the Green, Brasserie, La Fonda del Sol, and Sea Grill*.

The food service division included such institutions as *Lincoln Center, Kennedy Center, United Nations, Metropolitan Museum, Harvard Club, Ford Foundation* and the *U.S. Open*. Nationwide operations included *Charlie Brown's* and *Acapulco* restaurant chains, and *Eastern News Stands*.

Born of immigrant parents, his mother was pregnant with Martin when they came to this country from Budapest. Martin literally went from Ellis Island to the boardroom. He was known among his peers and colleagues for his inspirational leadership and altruism. At an early age he was invited to join the Young Presidents Organization (YPO) and later World Presidents Organization.

He served 10 years as the Chairman of the Executive Committee for Caldor, which was later purchased by Associated Dry Goods, a merger initiated by Martin. Other board positions included: Boston Celtics, Dollar Savings Bank, Leisure Technology, Jaclyn, Washington National Life Insurance Company and countless Smith Barney Mutual Funds. He also served on the American Stock Exchange Advisory Committee for eight years.

Martin was a true humanitarian whose generosity and leadership in community affairs touched countless lives. His nonprofit and civic work included 14 years on the board of St. Barnabas Healthcare System, the largest healthcare system in the state of NJ. He served eight years as Chairman of St. Barnabas and in 1977 was awarded an honorary lifetime trusteeship. For 13 years he was Chairman of the Finance Committee for the NJ Transit Authority Board. A plaque at Penn Station in Newark commemorates his 20 years of outstanding service.

In addition, he served on the NJ State Board of Institutions and Agencies and was a Commissioner on the Governor's Management Review Commission. He served on the board of Temple B'nai Abraham and the South Palm Beach Jewish Federation. He was Chairman of the Young Men's Division of the UJA and was actively involved in the Jewish Federation of Metro West NJ as both a volunteer and board member.

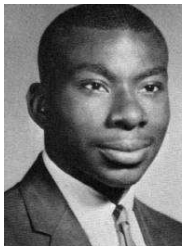
Mr. Brody is survived by his beloved wife, Florence; brother Arthur; sister Marion; daughter and son-in-law Renee and Alan Levow; daughter-in-law Marc and Carleen Brody; and three grandchildren Jake Levow, Cary Levow and Justine Brody.

Martin Brody did so much for so many. A man of honor, he had an extraordinary work ethic, integrity and personal warmth. In a world of change, no one who worked for him ever quit. He was fond of saying *"life is not a dress rehearsal"* and he lived his life with that quote in mind. Martin Brody devoted most of his life to serving his community, his country and his family. We are all better for having known him and he will be deeply missed.

Ernest Thompson, 1966

Newark Public Defender

Ernest H. 'Ernie' Thompson, Jr., a Newark municipal public defender, died November 3, 2009. Ernest was educated in the Newark public school system and graduated from Weequahic High School in 1966. He graduated from Kent State University with



honors in 1970 with a BA degree in political science. While at Kent State, he co- founded the Black Student Union and the ZI Gamma Chapter at Omega Psi Phi fraternity. In 1973, he graduated from Ohio State University Law School and was admitted to the New Jersey Bar that same year.

In June 1979, Ernest was appointed the Newark municipal public defender during the Gibson administration. He continued his employment with the City of Newark for several decades thereafter. He was loved and admired by all friends and colleagues alike and will be truly missed.

Ernest leaves to mourn, Tammy Thompson, his wife; Ernest Thompson, Sr. and Joyce R. Thompson, his father and mother; Gary Thompson, his brother; Sahir Thompson, his son; Sahir Thompson, Jr., his grandson; Vinant Miller, his nephew; and a host of other loving and devoted family and friends.

Eugene Picker, Jan. 1945

Reporter and Editor

Eugene 'Gene' Picker of Whippany, a newspaper editor and reporter for more than 60 years, died at 81 years of age. Born in Newark, Gene lived in Elizabeth for many years before moving to Whippany. He was a graduate of Weequahic High School, and NYU with a degree in journalism. He worked 25 years at the Dorf Feature Service News Bureau and was associated with the sports departments of The Star-Ledger and the Daily Journal in Elizabeth.

He was deeply involved in the coverage of the New Jersey scholastic and collegiate sports scene. His writings and numerous sports assignments included the Ali-Frazier boxing fights, professional baseball, football, tennis and golf. Early in his newspaper career in the mid-40's, he covered the Newark Eagles of the Negro Baseball League.

Gene received numerous sports awards, including election to the Elizabeth Sports Hall of Fame. He was a 50-year plus member of the NJ Sportswriters Association, its longest serving committee member and vice president. He received the organization's Atlantic City Sports Award in 1971 for journalism excellence. He was also deeply involved in social activism.

Gene was a devoted father to his sons, Doug and his wife Cheryl, and Bill and his wife, Barbara, and grandfather to Alyssa, Brett and Dylan. He is survived by his brother, Al, and his former wife, Annette.

In Loving Memory

HOWARD TEPP, 1965,

of Richard and the Young Lions
passes away before his legendary N.J. garage band stages an unlikely comeback after nearly 40 years

Excerpts from an article by Jay Lustig, Star-Ledger Staff

4th grade picture from Peshine Avenue School

In 1966, a songwriter and producer named Larry Brown walked into the *Indian Pizzeria* in Newark. Some teenagers were leaning against the jukebox, singing along, and Brown spotted a potential star. *"I don't know what song - it might have been a Rolling Stones song,"* says Brown, a Newark native who now lives in Nashville, and is known as L. Russell Brown. *"But I went, 'Wow, what an interesting voice this kid had.' There was a rasp to it, and a power, and a fury."*

The singer's name was Howard Tepp, but he would soon change it to Richard Tepp and front the band, *Richard & the Young Lions*. The band released a howling debut single, *"Open Up Your Door,"* that was a regional smash in markets across the country, including Detroit, Cleveland and Seattle.

But further success was elusive, and by the end of 1967, the band had broken up. Garage-rock aficionados never forgot about them, though. *"They defined garage-rock,"* says Steven Van Zandt, the Bruce Springsteen collaborator and "Sopranos" actor who hosts the nationally syndicated *"Underground Garage"* radio show and who recently presented a garage-rock festival at Randall's Island in New York.

"(Tepp) had a great attitude in his voice, and they had a fuzztone bass, which is a garage-rock move. It was just sort of that basic, simple music that we used to call rock 'n' roll dance music. It was the kind of music that made people get on the dance floor and go berserk." In 1998, *"Open Up Your Door"* achieved the ultimate garage-rock honor, being selected for an expanded CD reissue of the seminal 1972 garage-rock compilation, *"Nuggets."* The song *"was everything I liked about that particular era of music,"* says *"Nuggets"* producer Lenny Kaye, who is best known as a member of Patti Smith's backing band. *"It was driving, rocking, elemental, and full of the things that all the 'Nuggets' bands have, which is desire. You can feel these people seeing the gold ring, and grasping for it, and actually snagging it."*

Richard Tepp (below left) and (below right in front) with members of the Young Lions

Tepp, who died on June 17 of leukemia, at the age of 57, had other bands after the Young Lions broke up. But he never made as big a splash as he did the first time around. *"What he wanted out of life was to play again,"* says Lynne Taylor, who lived with Tepp in the upstate New York town of Tannersville for the last 24 years of his life. *"He always felt like he came so close."*

Tepp supported himself primarily with bartending and, later in his life, disability checks. He suffered from a number of ailments, including psoriatic arthritis, Parkinson's Disease, and the blood disorder, polycythemia. *"He never quit, no matter how many things they socked him with,"* says Taylor. *"That's why it was so hard to see that he finally went."*

Tepp's wish to reunite with the Young Lions was granted, improbably, in 2000. Band members got back in touch with each other, and decided to come out of musical retirement. The reunited band performed at clubs like *Maxwell's* in Hoboken and the *Village Underground* in New York.

Shortly before Tepp died, the group, which released three singles but no album in the '60s, finished its first full-length album, with Van Zandt handling much of the production work. The album is dominated by new originals, but also includes remakes of *"Open Up Your Door"* and *"You Can Make It"* (the third of the band's '60s singles), and covers of some obscure garage-rock songs. It is not yet released and has no title, but Van Zandt plans to put it out on his own Renegade Nation label, with distribution by a larger record company.

The album will follow the recent release of a DVD documentary, *"Out of Our Dens: The Richard and the Young Lions Story."* James Hannon of Scotch Plains, who designed the band's Web site *(www.richardandthe younglions.com),* co-directed the low budget film.

The Richard & the Young Lions story began almost 40 years ago, when Tepp was a student at Newark's Weequahic High School (1965 grad). He joined a band called the *Emeralds*, which soon changed its name to the *Original Kounts*.

Tepp was still in this band - also featuring guitarists Bob Freedman and Marc Lees, drummer Norm Cohen, bassist Ricky Rackin and keyboardist Jerry Raff - when Brown discovered him...Brown, whose future successes would include co-writing *"Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree,"* thought *"Richard"* was more rocking than *"Howard,"* and asked him to change his name. Remembering that he had met Tepp on Lyons Avenue, he came up with the idea of renaming the band the Young Lions.

In lieu of flowers, the family has set up a college trust fund for Richard's son Casey at Key Bank. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your check to: Key Bank, PO Box 897, Tannersville, NY 12485 or call (518) 589-5900. Please attach a note that it is for the *Casey Tepp Trust Fund*

In Loving Memory

Daniel Gaby, June 1951

Owned prestigious advertising agency

Dan Gaby of West Orange, father, leader, mentor, and friend, passed away on Dec. 10, 2009. Dan was loved deeply and intensely by all he knew and met. Most importantly, he will forever be missed by his wife, Corky; his children, Lisa, Suzanne, Keith, Vanessa, Corrine and Donny; his grandchildren, Devin, Jackson, Noah, Jordan, Jared and Nora; and his siblings, Doris, Molly, Murray and Beattie.

Dan spent his life defending those who could not defend themselves. He tirelessly worked to bring freedom and equality to the downtrodden, the lost, the disenfranchised. His accomplishments bordered on innumerable. Dan lived a full life in both the public and private spheres.

A graduate of Rutgers University in Newark, Dan began his career in advertising as a copywriter. He ultimately became the owner of Keyes Martin, then one of the state's largest advertising agencies, representing such high profile clients as AT&T, ShopRite, and the Port Authority. Dan created such famous campaigns as *"New Jersey and You: Perfect Together,"* in addition to writing the ShopRite *"Can Can"* song.

In many ways, however, Dan's professional life was his hobby. His passion was politics, and the art and science of social change. A committed, lifelong Democrat, he served in many roles in the party, including chairing the 1964 Johnson-Humphrey campaign in Somerset County and Co-Chairing the McCarthy delegation to the 1968 Democratic convention. He was also the Chair of NJ Citizens for Byrne in 1976, and Citizens for Florio in 1989. In 1976 and 1980, he was the State Chairman for Jimmy Carter for President. Most notably, Dan ran a vigorous primary race for the Democratic Senate nomination in 1972. He worked on campaigns but never became a creature of the status quo. He worked in politics on his own principled terms, and always fought for the underserved in the process.

But Dan cared about education, its reform, and school choice, with an intensity that surprised even those who knew him well. He often talked of how his U.S. Senate campaign showed him that, through many of our government services, housing, health care, and education, we had delivered our poorest and most vulnerable citizens into monopolies from which they could not escape.

Having also served on the State Board of Education as its Vice President, the Rutgers Board of Trustees and Board of Overseers, and as the Vice President of Essex County College, Dan knew too well the value of education, and the burden of not having one, on our neediest citizens. He felt that educational choice was an imperative, a precondition, if equality for low-income, largely minority populations was to become a reality.

Always ahead of the political thought of the time, it was almost 30 years after his epiphany before Dan took up the stewardship of Excellent Education for Everyone (E3), after first serving on its board. He believed that the battle for equal educational opportunity was the logical extension of the civil rights movement, in which he also worked tirelessly.

Dan built, here in New Jersey, the country's most diverse coalition of school choice supporters, including Democrats and Republicans, tax and business groups, religious leaders, parents, and elected officials. He led with a *"by any means necessary"* bent where the organization's one goal was to *"get a child from a terrible educational place to a better one, now."*

He supported all sectors of the educational spectrum (traditional public schools, charter schools, and private schools among them) which is itself unique. But most importantly he believed in a parent's ability to make the best educational decision for a child, and that a ZIP code, or someone's income, should not relegate a child to a terrible school. For Dan, it was always that simple.

Richard Naftalis, 1967, *Educator*

Richard Naftalis, 60, of Coconut Creek, Fla., formerly of Union, died on November 21, 2009. Richie *"Naf"* attended Peshine, Chancellor and graduated from Maple, was Bar Mitzvahed at B'nai Abraham, and was a regular at the "Y".

His passion for sports developed early in life and he played JV basketball at Weequahic and was part of the Y's championship basketball team. He attended Peru State College in Nebraska, where he majored in Physical Education and played on both its varsity basketball and baseball teams. After serving in the NJ National Guard, Richie returned to Newark to teach gym first at Wilson Avenue School, then at Lincoln Avenue School, where he also ran its after-school and summer recreation programs. He was also the coach for Newark Science High's baseball team. Richie's greatest love were his two children, Bryan and Erika. Also surviving are brothers Alan (WHS 1964) and Gary (WHS 1959), and former wife Esther Capobianco.

Eric Parham, 1966, *Publicist*

Eric L. Parham, 61, of Roselle, N.J., passed away on Sept. 21, 2009. Eric, born in Newark on April 17, 1948, was a 1966 graduate of Weequahic High School.

He began a successful career as a staff writer for the Newark Evening News. He was a senior publicist for ABC Television in New York for 32 years and served as union steward. He covered assignments for ABC Sports, News, and Daytime TV. He was also the East Coast show handler for series such as *"Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?"*

Eric's two passions were motorcycles and Ji Do Kwan. Inducted into the Martial Arts Hall of Fame in Kenpo and Tae Kwon Do, he brought his love of the art to youths in Roselle for 16 years. Preceded in death by his stepfather, Phillip Kirby, he is survived by his mother, Louise; wife of 20 years, Marita; daughters Erica, Victoria and Adrienne; and grandson Christian.

Marvin Zwillman, Jan. 1945

Marvin Zwillman, 83, a resident of South Orange, died on August 3, 2009 in St. Barnabas Hospital after courageously battling pneumonia for several months. Born and raised in Newark, Marvin was a graduate of Weequahic High School, class of 1945. He served honorably in the U.S. Coast Guard before attending the University of Illinois.

For many years, Marvin Zwillman, his father Jacob and brother Seymour owned and operated liquor stores in Newark. Later, he was employed at Hirsch Auto, a company also located in Newark, that supplies restoration products to antique cars.

Marvin Zwillman is survived by his son, Dr. Michael Zwillman; two grandchidren, KC Schoenhaar and MacKenzie Zwillman; and his longtime companion, Kathe Connell.

In Loving Memory

Alumni:

Benjamin Powell III, 1987

By Guy Sterling, Star-Ledger Staff

Benjamin Powell III passed away in July 2004 at age 35 as result of injuries sustained in an off-duty motorcycle accident in Jersey City.

Powell was a veteran investigator with the Essex County Prosecutor's Office. He joined the prosecutors office in 1997 after serving as a state corrections officer and for six years as an officer with the East Orange Police Department. Before getting assigned to the homicide squad in 2000, he was an investigator in the juvenile, trial and narcotics sections of the prosecutor's office. Mr. Powell had recently completed a three-month course on the use of polygraphs and was expected to become the office's lead polygraph examiner. Paula Dow, Acting Essex County Prosecutor said, "He was a skilled investigator but, more significantly, he genuinely cared about the people of Essex County, from his roots in Newark to working his way up through the police ranks."

A graduate of Weequahic High School in Newark, Mr. Powell was a six-year veteran of the U.S. Army Infantry and had served in the Persian Gulf War in 1991. He was a member of the Essex County Prosecutor's Office PBA chapter, the NJ State Narcotics Officers Association and Lodge 29 of the Masons. Over the years, he received numerous awards for valor. In 1992, he was given a medal of honor in East Orange for chasing a suspect on South Orange and West End avenues without firing a shot even though the suspect was shooting at him.

Mr. Powell leaves a wife and son.

Marvin Menkes, 1945

Marvin Menkes, 75, of Richmond, Virginia, and formerly of Montclair and Newark, NJ passed away on May 31, 2003. Mr. Menkes owned Mailwell Service in Hillside for over 20 years and then became a sales representative for Westside Printing House in Verona for 10 years prior to retiring. In 1949, he graduated from Richmond University in Virginia.

A veteran of the peacetime Army, Mr. Menkes was a former vice president of the Mens Club at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in Short Hills, the former head of the United Jewish Appeal in Irvington and a member of the Presidents Club at the University of Richmond. Surviving is a daughter, Nancy Clayman; a son, Neal; sisters Harriet Alpert and Rita Weinstein; and five grandchildren. He is pre-deceased by his wife Lois Izenberg Menkes. They were high school sweethearts at Weequahic.

David Pogash, 1935

By Rudy Larini, Star-Ledger Staff

David Pogash, 86, of South Orange, died in July 2004 after a three-month battle with cancer. He spent his life in northern New Jersey, where he became a leader in the Jewish community. For more than 50 years, he and his oldest brother, the late Israel M. Pogash, were partners at Pogash & Co., a certified public accounting firm with an office in downtown Newark. The firm eventually merged with KPMG, and Mr. Pogash moved his office to Short Hills.

As CPAs, the Pogash brothers possessed a unique talent for being able to ferret out financial irregularities in accounting ledgers. "I did a great deal of work with David, who was an outstanding forensic accountant," said John Gibbons, a former U.S. District Court judge who has returned to private practice. "Among the highest quality persons I ever knew," said attorney Frank Vecchione of Newark, who was Gibbons' law partner in the days when they teamed with the Pogash brothers.

Mr. Pogash served as president of the Young Men's Division of the United Jewish Appeal in 1948. During the 1960s, he was president of Jewish Family Services for northern New Jersey. For many years, he also helped with the accounting work at Temple B'nai Jeshurun. He served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1947, reaching the level of lieutenant.

The youngest of six children of Harry and Minnie Pogash, David Pogash grew up in Newark, went to Weequahic High School, attended Lafayette College, and graduated from New York University School of Business in 1939. In 1947, he married the former Doris Schwartz. Besides his wife, Mr. Pogash is survived by two sons, Jeffrey of West Orange, and Kenneth of Millington, and their wives, Miriam and Jocelyn; a sister, Augusta Krumholz of Springfield; and four grandchildren.

Majorie Levine Bobker, 1936

Marjorie Levine Bobker, 84 passed away on March 2, 2004. Mrs. Bobker worked for 40 years as an art dealer at the Marjorie Bobker Art Gallery in Monclair and South Orange. She was a member of the Crestmont Country Club in west orange and the Temple B'nai Jeshurun's women's Association. Born in Newark, she lived in West Orange for 35 years before moving to Verona 14 years ago. Surviving are daughters, Barbara Zins and Geri Lozauskas; a son, Dennis; sisters, Carol Levine Rothman and Rita levin Gaber; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Faculty:

Lawrence D. Schulman

Lawrence D. Schulman, Ph.D., 80, of Union, died in August 2004. He was a history teacher at Weequahic High School and University High School, both in Newark, for more than 50 years before retiring. Dr. Schulman also taught political science, economics and government at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, Kean University in Union and Union County College in Cranford. He also was a librarian at the Union Township Library. Dr. Schulman earned a bachelor of science degree in education from New York University School of Education, a master's degree in political science from Columbia University, and a Ph.D. from New York University. Born in Newark, he lived in Union for 50 years. Surviving are Frances, his wife of 57 years; sons, Howard and Arthur; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Seymour B. Weiss

Seymour B. Weiss of West Orange and Boynton Beach, Florida passed away on September 2, 2004. A teacher for 40 years in the Newark school system, Mr. Weiss was an industrial arts teacher for many years at Weequahic High school before retiring. He earned a bachelor's degree from the former Newark State Teachers College and a masters degree from Rutgers University and completed doctoral course there. During world War II, he served in the Army. Surviving are his wife, Charlotte; a son, Michael; and a brother, William.